

RESCISSION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS

RESCISSION OF LISTED COVID-19 PANDEMIC-RELATED ORDERS OF THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA

Date Issued: March 9, 2023

Date Effective: March 13, 2023

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 13, 2023, the orders of the Health Officer of the City of Pasadena listed below are rescinded in full. The State of California ended its state of emergency related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) on February 28, 2023, and has announced plans to rescind many of its remaining COVID-19 orders. The State has indicated that it now intends to shift focus to its COVID-19 SMARTER Plan (more information is available online at covid19.ca.gov/smarter/). In light of the State’s end of the state-wide emergency, and based on local conditions and the current scientific and epidemiological understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Officer (the “Health Officer”) of the City of Pasadena (“City”) has determined the capability to respond to this public health emergency are now within the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City. On March 6, 2023, the City Council adopted the March 5, 2020 resolution to end the local public health emergency declaration in response to the spread of COVID-19. The Health Officer is terminating the COVID-19 related health orders listed below and is maintaining some orders needed during this period of transition.

As of the date of this Rescission, 93.3% of Pasadena residents have completed the full initial vaccination series. Although respiratory viruses, including influenza as well as COVID-19, are a concern this Winter, COVID-19 rates and hospitalizations from COVID-19 have generally been much lower than at this time in prior years. The most important ongoing protection against serious illness and hospitalization related to COVID-19 remains being up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination, including receipt of the most recent booster dose recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”). Everyone is required to stay home whenever they feel sick in order to protect others around them and following the CDC’s and the State’s isolation and quarantine guidance. When required by state or local orders, everyone shall wear a mask. In general community settings, including public transit, everyone shall follow State of California [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#) until the guidance is no longer in effect. The Health Officer also recommends everyone assess their personal risk factors and wear a well-fitting mask, especially if they or someone they live with is vulnerable to the worst outcomes of COVID-19.

The Health Officer also strongly recommends that everyone continue appropriate protections based on their situation, including the following measures: 1) following the CDC’s most current COVID-19 vaccination and booster guidance; 2) staying aware of treatments available to them if they get sick with COVID-19; and 3) being aware of information about COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

With the rescission of the listed orders, the City of Pasadena will issue individual orders beginning March 13, 2023 to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or identified as a close contact

or a confirmed case. Individual orders for isolation and quarantine will follow the State of California [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#). In K-12 schools, everyone shall follow State of California COVID-19 Public Health [Guidance for K-12 Schools to Support Safe In-Person Learning, 2022-2023 School Year](#) until the guidance is no longer in effect.

The City of Pasadena remains well-positioned to continue to shift from the emergency nature of the pandemic response to longer-term public health strategies. Based on local, state, and national conditions, COVID-19 data and indicators, and the evolving scientific understanding of the risks posed by COVID-19, the Health Officer has determined it is now appropriate to rescind the local health orders listed below relating to COVID-19. Everyone in the City remains subject to State and Federal rules and other Health Officer Orders that remain in effect until they are rescinded.

List of Orders Being Rescinded:

1. Revised Order for the Wearing of Face Masks in All Public Transit (issued 12/15/2022)
2. Revised Order for the Wearing of Face Masks in All Indoor Workplaces and Public Settings (issued 12/15/2022)
3. Pasadena Health Officer Quarantine Order (issued 11/16/2022)
4. Pasadena Health Officer Isolation Order (issued 11/16/2022)
5. Order for TK-12 Schools, Youth Sports and Day Camps (issued 01/27/2022)
6. Order for Youth Sports and Early Care and Education (issued 08/25/2021)
7. Access to COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing Through Healthcare Facilities (issued 08/21/2020)

IT IS SO ORDERED:



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3/09/2023

Date